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**Inmate Death at FCI Florence**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Sunday, January 10, 2021, inmate Toribio Ornelas Vasquez tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Florence's satellite camp in Florence, Colorado, and was placed in medical isolation. On Monday, January 11, 2021, Mr. Ornelas Vasquez was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment due to respiratory distress. On Friday, January 29, 2021, Mr. Ornelas Vasquez's condition worsened and he was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Ornelas Vasquez was a 79-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Minnesota to a 120-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at FCI Florence since October 4, 2018

FCI Florence is a medium security facility with an adjacent minimum security satellite camp, which together currently house 1,187 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at [www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp).

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